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On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of February 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations committed in February 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 February	0800	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the town of Mays al-Jabal and points B-64 and BP-31 in the Kurum al-Sharaqi area, a D-9 bulldozer, two Merkava tanks and 10 Israeli enemy soldiers crossed the technical fence. The tanks and soldiers took up combat positions while the bulldozer levelled and marked a road about 500 metres long and four metres wide, and raised two earthen berms five metres long and two metres high for the two tanks, without violating the Blue Line. The work ended at 1030 hours, and the vehicles and soldiers left in the direction of occupied territory.
	0915	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite point B-22 and the town of Rumaysh, a Bobcat vehicle crossed the technical fence, escorted by a Humvee military vehicle and four Israeli enemy soldiers. The Bobcat worked on widening and smoothing the dirt road, without violating the Blue Line. The work ended at 1230 hours, and the vehicles and soldiers left in the direction of occupied territory.
6 February	0900-1445	Two Israeli enemy trench-diggers reinforced earthen berms at the Ramta and Zabdin posts inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.
8 February	1400	Opposite the Udaysah-Kafr Killa road, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles, a Defender vehicle and a construction vehicle fitted with communications equipment approached. Nine soldiers disembarked with a robot and inspected the road running along the technical fence. One of the soldiers pointed his weapon at members of a Lebanese Army patrol that was observing the activity from the Lebanese side.
9 February	0900-1630	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, an Israeli enemy trench-digger cut a road in the area around the Ramta post, while an enemy patrol deployed in the surrounding area.
11 February	1600	In the Bastarah area on the outskirts of the town of Shab'a, while the civilian Isma'il Zahrah was herding livestock, an Israeli enemy patrol threw a smoke bomb inside the occupied Shab'a Farms across from his location, without any injury.
18 February	1315	Two explosions were heard inside the occupied Shab'a Farms between the Ramta and Sammaqah posts.
21 February	1240-1250	On the outskirts of the town of Ayta al-Sha'b, near Israeli enemy position W-413-A, three Israeli enemy soldiers made offensive gestures at soldiers at the Lebanese Army position at that location.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
23 February	1047-1111	Opposite the town of Mays al-Jabal, near point B-64/1, two Israeli enemy soldiers pointed their weapons at Lebanese Army soldiers located on the other side.
27 February	0640	In the Bastarah area at the entrance to the occupied Shab'a Farms, an Israeli enemy bulldozer escorted by two Merkava tanks and 15 enemy soldiers removed cement blocks that had been placed at the location and installed a yellow iron gate. The work ended at 0800 hours, and the patrol left in the direction of occupied territory.
	0930	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite Hula at the Shaykh Abbad position, an Israeli enemy vehicle pointed a pole-mounted camera at Lebanese territory. At 1720 hours, the vehicle left in the direction of occupied territory.
	–	At the entrance to the occupied Bastrah Farm, the Israeli enemy installed a second yellow iron gate near the post of the Indian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

Sea violations committed in February 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
2 February	1100	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011 for a 17-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 370 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1125	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, two Israeli enemy military launches violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), the first for a 15-minute period and the second for a 24-minute period, and proceeded on their way for some 390 metres. The launches then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1515	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, two Israeli enemy military launches violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for an eight-minute period, and proceeded on their way for some 150 metres. The launches then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
3 February	0927	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a six-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 370 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
5 February	0300-0320	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for two periods of 30 seconds and 40 seconds, respectively.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	0438	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, two Israeli enemy military launches violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) for a six-minute period, and proceeded on their way for some 220 metres inside Lebanese territorial waters. Their crews also directed a searchlight towards said waters for a four-minute period. The launches then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1628	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, two Israeli enemy military launches violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a five-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 300 metres. The launches then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
7 February	0842	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a period of four hours and 33 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 555 metres several times. It dragged the third buoy 20 metres south of its previous location. The launch's crew also made several dives inside Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1133	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a period of one hour and 42 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 555 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
12 February	1630	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
19 February	1620	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2047	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a one-minute period.
22 February	1213	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) for a period of one hour and four minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 350 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1330	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 25-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 460 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

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23 February	1000	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, inside occupied Palestinian waters, an Israeli enemy military launch fired medium military-weapon rounds into the air.
25 February	0405-0410	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for two periods of one minute each, and broadcast over loudspeakers in Hebrew for 30 seconds.
	0405	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight from its Ra's al-Naqurah position towards Lebanese territorial waters for a period of 20 seconds.
27 February	0414	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, from inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch fired a flare over Lebanese territorial waters.
	0503-0516	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight from its Ra's al-Naqurah position towards Lebanese territorial waters for a period of one minute.

Air violations committed in February 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 February	1025	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1135 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2210	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 2300 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
2 February	0115	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 0600 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0835	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms. It circled over the South and the Western Bakaa before leaving at 1025 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1035	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1200 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
	1215	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1940 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
3 February	0740	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South, Beirut and its suburbs, Matn, Kasrawan and Jubayl before leaving at 1330 hours over Naqurah.
4 February	0905	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and the Shuf before leaving at 1500 hours over Rumaysh.
	1115	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 2110 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
5 February	0605	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1935 hours over Kafr Killa.
6 February	0825	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1415 hours over Rumaysh.
7 February	0805	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bakaa before leaving at 1420 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1015	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Aytarun. It circled over the South, the Western Bekaa, Riyaq, Hirmil and Akkar before leaving at 2235 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1225	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1350 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
8 February	0800	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1105 hours over Rumaysh.
9 February	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1200 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1130	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 1950 hours over Rumaysh.
	1350	An Israeli enemy helicopter violated Lebanese airspace. It circled over the occupied Shab'a Farms before leaving at 1722 hours into the occupied Shab'a Farms.
	2200	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1420 hours into occupied territory.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
10 February	2140	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 0720 hours on 11 February 2017 over Naqurah.
14 February	1050	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1225 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
15 February	1530	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Shikka. They left at 1545 hours over Rumaysh.
17 February	0630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1800 hours over Rumaysh.
	1525	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1925 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1720	An Israeli enemy helicopter violated Lebanese airspace. It circled over the Bastrah area on the outskirts of Kafr Shuba before leaving at 1722 hours into the occupied Shab'a Farms.
20 February	0605	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1500 hours over Rumaysh.
	1230	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1400 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
21 February	0610	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 2320 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0710	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South, Hirmil and Akkar before leaving at 1400 hours over Kafr Killa.
22 February	0635	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, Ba'abda and the South before leaving at 1930 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0810	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf, the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1140 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0900	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1205 hours over Rumaysh.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
23 February	0730	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Shuf, the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1140 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0800	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1140 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1125	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, Iqlim al-Kharrub and Jubayl before leaving at 1650 hours over Naqurah.
24 February	1700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 0600 hours on 25 February 2017 over Rumaysh.
26 February	0745	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1910 hours over Aytarun.
	0910	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf, the South, Beirut and its suburbs, Jubayl and Batrun before leaving at 1530 hours over Naqurah.
	0950	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, Arz, Hirmil and Akkar before leaving at 1710 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1020	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1245 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1100	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf and the South before leaving at 1510 hours over Kafr Killa.
27 February	1225	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 2310 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1325	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1720 hours over Rumaysh.
	1330	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Sidon. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1345 hours over the sea west of Shikka.
28 February	1515	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1630 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.